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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-12 are pending on this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. If the "acts" of a claimed process manipulate only numbers, abstract concepts or ideas, the acts are not being applied to appropriate subject matter. Shrader, 22 F.3d at 294-95, 30 USPQ2d at 1458-59. Thus a process consisting solely of mathematical operations, i.e., converting one set of numbers into another set of numbers, does not manipulate appropriate subject matter and thus cannot constitute a statutory process. See MPEP 2106 IV B 1. While trivial in nature, the subject claims can be implemented using pencil and paper.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless – (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Biliris et al (US Patent 6,055,491, referred to as **Biliris**).

Claims 1 and 7

Biliris anticipates a data updating device that updates the sufficient statistic of the autoregressive model with forgetting the past data using newly read data and a parameter calculator that reads the sufficient statistic updated by said data updating device and calculates the parameter of the autoregressive model using the sufficient statistic (**Biliris**, C4: 42-62; Examiner Note (EN): In light of the description of an autoregressive model made by the applicant on paragraph 64 lines 2-4 of the specifications, the examiner considers an Exponentially Forgetting Recursive Least Square Method as an autoregressive model since it is a Linear Regression method used to find the best fitting line through a series of points to find a probability distribution of these points to make a prediction of where the next point in the series will lie).

Claims 2 and 8

Biliris anticipates a first model learning device that learns the generation mechanism for the read data series as the time-series statistic model specified by the finite number of parameters (**Biliris**, C5: 47-67, C6: 1-7; Fig. 2), and

an outlier score calculator that reads the value of the parameters obtained through learning by said first model learning device, calculates the outlier score of the data based on the read parameter of the time-series model and the input data and outputs the results (**Biliris**, C7: 3-16, C12: 13-15).

Claims 3 and 9

Biliris anticipates a moving average calculator that sequentially reads the outlier scores calculated by said outlier score calculator and calculates their moving average (**Biliris**, C11: 39-41; Fig. 1; EN: a linear regression can be considered as a moving average since it uses past data to generate a projection of the behavior of the data),

a second model learning device that sequentially reads the moving average of the outlier scores calculated by said moving average calculator and learns the generation mechanism for the moving average series in the read score as a time-series statistic model specified by the finite number of parameters (**Biliris**, C11: 19-41),

a change point score calculator that reads the parameter value obtained by learning by said second model learning device and calculates the outlier score for

each moving average based on the read parameter of the time-series model and the moving average of the input outlier scores and outputs the outlier score for each moving average as the change point score of the original data (**Biliris**, C11: 19-41, C12: 10-15; EN: correlation measures the change between data points).

Claims 4 and 10

Biliris anticipates said first model learning device learns, in case the sequentially input data are described with continuous variate only, the probability distribution for generation of said data string with sequentially reading the data strings of the real number vector values using the autoregressive model and further comprises a data updating device to update the sufficient statistic of the autoregressive model with forgetting the past data using the newly read data and a parameter calculator to read the sufficient statistic updated by said data updating device and to calculate the parameter of the autoregressive model using the sufficient statistic (**Biliris**, C4: 42-54; Fig. 3).

Claims 5 and 11

Biliris anticipates said outlier score calculator and said change point score calculator are considered as a single score calculator, further comprising as a device to determine the candidates of outliers and change points in the series for the data series described in discrete and/or continuous variates, a sort device to sort the data in descending order based on the outlier score and the change point score

calculated by said score calculator and the display device that displays the data with higher scores according to the order sorted by said sort device as the candidates of outliers and change points (**Biliris**, C6: 45-54 and Fig. 3).

Claims 6 and 12

Biliris anticipates said outlier score calculator and said change point score calculator are considered as a single score calculator, further comprising, as a device to determine candidates of outliers and change points in the series for the data described in discrete and/or continuous variates sequentially input, a score judgement device that outputs the data over the predetermined threshold from the outlier score and the change point score calculated by said score calculator as the candidates of outliers or change points (**Biliris**, C11: 19-41; EN: a window size is a threshold).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Goodman et al US Patent 6,697,769

Melamed et al US Patent 5,257,364

Shaw et al "Automated Error Detection in Multibeam Bathymetry Data", IEEE Publication, 1993.

Burge et al "Detecting Cellular Fraud Using Adaptive Prototypes".

7. Claims 1-12 are rejected.

Correspondence Information

8. Any inquires concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar F. Fernández Rivas, who may be reached Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST. or via telephone at (571) 272-2589 or email omar.fernandez_rivas@uspto.gov.

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